

REMARKS

Formal drawings were submitted with a mailing date of March 5, 2002. Approval by the Examiner of the formal drawings is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4 are pending in the application. Claims 2-11 have been canceled. Claim 1 herewith are amended. Claim 1 is the only claim presently active.

Applicants take the position that no single prior art reference contains all of the features as recited in claim 1 as currently amended. The claimed combination of features provides a storing and carrying case and product. Used product is easily distinguished from unused product by the lack of the light and moisture barrier. The storing and carrying case contains compartments with each compartment holding a product.

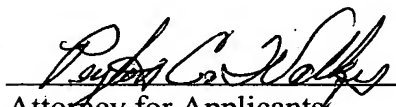
The present invention houses multiple product in contrast to Saveliev et al. whose container holds only one film cassette so that partitioning is not required. Also, the film cartridge for use with the Saveliev et al. container typically has a length of film protruding, a leader, from the cartridge to make loading in a camera easier. But the exposed film has the leader wound inside the cartridge during the process of rewinding before removal from the camera thereby making identification of used and unused film easy. Further, the Saveliev et al. container has a clip for attaching to a camera strap or bag so that containers are easy to carry and segregate, by attaching unused film and exposed films at different locations on a strap. So Saveliev et al. teaches away from compartments, away from packaging that identifies exposed and unexposed film, and away from a container for holding more than a single film cartridge. Thus, even though each part of the present invention may have been used in the prior art, there is no motivation to combine them as done in the present invention.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention obvious and therefore unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, claim 1 is now deemed allowable and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,


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